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Mayor submits $68 million Westland budget

Westland Mayor William R. Wild presented a balanced $68 million budget to members of the city council last week.

The budget includes a very slight reduction in the millage rate, going to 18.8787, a slight decrease from the 18.8798 adopted last year.

The budget, the 13th Wild has presented, includes the addition of $300,000 to the general fund based on an anticipated increase in revenue due to home value appreciation of about 4.5 percent in the city.

Included in the proposed budget is funding for some new staff positions and additional funding for recycling services. Recycling costs have escalated rapidly for Westland and other communities during the last year forcing communities, including Westland, to begin sending recyclebles to landfills for disposal.

> *"I'm very proud of the city's financial situation and how far we have come as a community.*

Wild said he budgeted the $200,000 to cover the additional costs which are estimated to total $310,000 "hoping to have some sort of solution in the near future." He said the city would attempt to negotiate a lower rate or find an alternative to the current recycling service.

"My proposed $68 million balanced budget heavily prioritizes public safety, road and water and sewer system improvements, customer service and investments in both the senior center and Justine Barnes Community Center," Wild said.

Members of the city council will meet for several study sessions to discuss the budget before a final vote on the fiscal plan is adopted by formal resolution. The meetings will be open to the public.

"While, like all cities, we still have some challenges, I'm very proud of the city's financial situation and how far we have come as a community. If you like road repairs and infrastructure improvements, and lots of it, you're going to love this budget," Wild said on his Facebook page.

Long-time Romulus director announces retirement

Tim Keyes, one of the most successful and long-serving economic development directors in local municipal government, has announced his plans to retire from his position with the city of Romulus at the end of June.

Keyes is credited with guiding the development of dozens of residential, commercial and industrial projects to Romulus. Before that, he worked successfully in economic development in the City of Taylor and in the private sector as well. But Romulus, Keyes admits, has always been an integral part of his career.

"Working for the City of Romulus and getting to meet the residents has been very special to me," Keyes said. "This town is a family. They treated us with respect and opened their arms as if we were part of their family. And I'll never forget that."

As director of the Romulus Department of Economic Development since 2001, Keyes has been responsible for and overseeing the economic development, planning and community development activities for the city, including Tax Increment Finance Authority, the Downtown Development Authority and the Brownfield Development Authority boards.

He has been part of every major project in the community - including the most recent Amazon, Penske and Mopar developments, which became major taxpayers in the city while creating thousands of new jobs.

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"The City of Romulus recognizes the importance of economic development - and Tim has been key to that process in our community," said Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff. "We will certainly miss Tim and his expertise. He has consistently come up with new ideas. It seemed like we'd have him forever. We certainly wish him all the best going forward."

Keyes' skills have been recognized multiple times with five-star ratings during the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan Dearborn Center for Innovation Research. The main thrust of the study is best business practices and innovations implemented by local government.

"Economic development helps a city grow," Keyes said. "It's a key function of municipal government. Our team has experience and knowledge of local and regional development issues. We work smart and hard every day to meet the needs of the business community and our residents."

In the results of the study, Romulus is recognized for implementing a policy for cultivating relationships with the local business community by providing such activities as business-to-business gatherings, job fairs and real estate/developer opportunity events, which showcase key buildings and areas to those connected to potential new business and developments.

Burcroff said that under Keyes' guidance, the city has focused on business retention and attraction, using a proven system that guides owners, CEOs and managers through the best process of locating a successful business in the city.

Keyes is immediate past chairman of the Aerotropolis Development Corp. (ADC) Board and Executive Committee. He has been involved with the development of the ADC since the early planning stages, from the original concept development of the Ring Road Corridor through the signing of the intergovernmental agreements creating the ADC.

Tim Keyes

Prior to joining Romulus, Keyes served as the Vice President for Development for Horizon Properties, LLC, a Taylor commercial property development corporation. In

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Weather watchers

SKYWARN group volunteers keep their eyes on the skies

Jack Stange of Westland enjoys being a SKYWARN storm spotter. He is a ham radio operator and Garden City Amateur Radio Club member.

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Those folks often observed sitting outside in the wind and sometimes rain watching the sky, are believe it or not, doing it to help their neighbors.

Volunteers, like Cheryl Rotole of Plymouth Township, are graduates of SKYWARN storm spotter training.

"I work from home," said Rotole, who lives in western Plymouth Township where she often sees storms coming in from Washtenaw County. "I'm very interested in weather and I like being helpful, almost to my detriment. I'm in a good position and if I can do that I want to."

The National Weather Service began the training for weather spotters in the 1970s, and they're required to undergo periodic training to remain active. National Weather Service meteorologist Andrew Arnold led a recent training session under the auspices of the Livonia Amateur Radio Club and Livonia Police Department.

Arnold noted ham radio operators have long been active in SKYWARN, saying, "That's another way that information gets to us."

Jack Stange of Westland is a member of the Garden City Amateur Radio Club and is also a weather spotter. Stange, who was also at the Livonia training is comparatively new to the effort.

"Last year was the first time I took this course. I was out of radio a long time and came back," he said.

He was first licensed at age 14 and left radio in 1972, serving in the military.

"It gives me the opportunity to be one of the first ones in Westland," to see weather coming from Canton to the nearby west, Stange said.

Stange, also the chaplain for American Legion Post 251 of Westland, sits out in wind but is sheltered from rain by an overpass near railroad tracks in Westland. He hasn't reported a

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Romulus library receives 'enhanced' state rating

The Romulus Public Library is among only 15 elite facilities in the state to be rated "enhanced" by the Library of Michigan.

This month, the Romulus library was honored for meeting the enhanced level requirements by the Library of Michigan. To earn that prestigious certification, the library demonstrated competence in seven categories of achievement including human resources; governance/administration; services; collection development; technology; facilities and equipment and public relations/marketing.

The enhanced level is the second in a three-tier rating system by the Library of Michigan Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC). Romulus Public Library received the basic, or "Essential Level", rating in January 2017 and personnel have been working to earn the upgraded rating since that time, according to a library spokesperson. Fewer than 15 libraries in the state have currently achieved the Enhanced Level rating.

"We are proud that the Romulus Public Library has done such good work in providing services deemed 'enhanced' by the Library of Michigan," said Library Board President Jim Napiorkowski. "By focusing efforts on these key areas, our library has shown a strong commitment to customer service."

Some of the notable improvements implemented while working to achieve this upgrade include 55 hours of service per week. In comparison, the library was open only 29 hours in 2011 when current Director Patty Braden was first hired into the position.

> *The staff of the Romulus Public Library is to be commended for achieving a vital milestone in library service.*

"Our patrons and community have supported us through tough times, and our employees have continued to step up to the challenge to upgrade our services with a limited budget," said Braden.

Other improvements include publishing a monthly e-newsletter, offering one-on-one digital literacy training for basic computer skills, social media and other electronic questions, installing new, automatic entry doors, requiring staff training, having separate children and teen areas, completing a strategic plan for goal-setting through 2021 (available on the library website), and making sure 20 percent of all collection materials stay new and relevant by being acquired within the last five years.

"The staff of the Romulus Public Library is to be commended for achieving a vital milestone in library service," said State Librarian Randy Riley.

The Romulus Public Library serves residents of Romulus and Huron Township and provides resources and services to inform, educate, enlighten and entertain the members of its community and serves as a place for all to discover the joy of reading, according to the mission statement. For more information visit www.romuluslibrary.org, call (734) 942-7589 or like the library Facebook page.

Community Chorus sets annual spring concert

Members of the Belleville Community Chorus will present their 13th annual spring concert, Let's Go To The Movies, beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

The concert will feature a variety of songs from popular films of the recent and not-so-recent past.

"Let's Go To The Movies" will be performed at the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The concert features the adult chorus plus the Children's Chorus. The concert is under the direction of Rachael Parr and will be accompanied by Judith Weed.

As always, the concert is free, though donations are encouraged, and sponsors are welcome.

This year, the concert is sponsored by Atchinson Ford, Inc.

Anyone interested in knowing more about or being part of the Belleville Community Chorus can contact Paula Pence-Poston at (734) 725-1425 or email to mspaula35@hotmail.com. Information is also available on the chorus website at www.bellevillechorus.com.

The Belleville Community Chorus offers opportunities for performance of mixed voice choral music in a variety of styles. The chorus members strive to improve musical quality through education and commitment to a rehearsal and performance schedule. The generosity of donors and sponsors supports community activities including education, rehearsal, performance and entertainment.

The Belleville Community Chorus is a 501(C)3 not-for-profit organization.

Keyes

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this position, Keyes brought extensive expertise in project budgeting, land acquisition, feasibility studies and finance.

Keyes also served for eight years as the Special Projects Manager - Tax Increment Finance Authority, for the City of Taylor, where he was responsible for economic development activities including business retention and expansion, real estate development assistance and tax incentive programs.

Keyes belongs to and is on the boards of a number of not-for-profit organizations whose mission is to improve the image and quality of life for Downriver residents. He was recognized for promoting the region with an Image Award in 2009 from the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Jim Perry, long-time executive director of the Downriver Community Conference, said he has worked with Keyes on various projects, sharing ideas with one another. Perry called Keyes "one of the true stars in the economic development arena."

"Tim is an economic development guru," Perry said. "He was always looking out for everyone and is a long-time friend. If I had to give him a grade on everything he's done, it would be A+. Hopefully, he'll still be involved in economic development."

A graduate of Central Michigan University, Keyes and his wife make their home in Taylor.

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Help wanted

Sumpter seeks clean-up volunteers

Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission members are looking for a little help this spring.

A volunteer clean-up day for the township parks has been set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at Banotai Park.

Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, weed cutters, weed whackers, clippers and any other tools available necessary to clean up the winter debris in the park.

Banotoi Park is located at the corner of Wear and Sherwood roads. Volunteers will be installing new mulch and sand along with pulling weeds, cleaning the pavilions and whatever other work needed to beautify the park for families to use.

Clean up day for Graham Park, located at the corner of Sumpter Road and Wear Road has been set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. Families are welcome and the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission will be supplying lunch and beverages.

CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, May 1, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2019-008; **Joy/Hix Pharmacy** requesting variances from Section 48-7 of the Sign Ordinance to allow a third wall sign where only one sign is permitted. The subject property is located at 9950 Wayne Road (Parcel ID #80-065-99-0050-003).
2. BZA-2019-009; **Detroit Metro Airport Center** requesting a variance from Section 8.04(a) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow total impervious lot coverage to exceed 75%; 82% coverage is proposed. The subject property is located at 11501 Vining Road (Parcel ID #80-082-04-0010-000).

Copies of the applications are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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ORDINANCE 19-001
CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.242

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 6, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT SECTION 6.02 TO INCLUDE CONTRACTOR ESTABLISHMENTS WITHOUT STORAGE; PET DAYCARE; AND RESEARCH, EXPERIMENTAL, AND TESTING LABORATORIES, AND TO CHANGE SOME SPECIAL LAND USES TO PERMITTED USES; AND ARTICLE 7, BUSINESS DISTRICTS SECTION 7.02 TO INCLUDE KENNELS AND LONG-TERM PARKING (PARK AND BARK) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS. COMPLETE COPY OF ORDINANCE ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MI.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ***Article 6, amended.*** **SECTION 2. Article 7 amended.**

SECTION 3: ***Severability.***

Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: ***Conflicting Ordinances.***

All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 5: ***Effective Date.***

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 25th day of March, 2019. LeROY D. BURCROFF, Mayor, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Room in said City on the 25th day of March, 2019.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in The Eagle, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 11th day of April, 2019. Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk.

Within forty-five (45) days after publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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Adopted: 3/25/2019
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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 25, 2019
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-076 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 11, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-077 2B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 11, 2019, 6:30 pm, Zoning Ordinance Amendments. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report

4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burcroff narrated a power point presentation regarding current and retiree health care coverage costs. Eight people from the audience (which included current employees and retirees) spoke about the health care costs and court finances. Mayor Burcroff commented about an accusation that was made from a court employee that the city spent the court's money.

19-078 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the annual payment to the Senior Alliance until such time the City no longer wishes to participate or budget for this expenditure in the Senior Alliance Account. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-079 5B. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and approve the re-appointments of Lucinda Rhoton, Mark Lewkowicz, Gerald Wendland, Terrell Bird, Virgil Varner, William Crane and Sheldon Chandler to the Historical Commission with terms to expire on December 29, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-080 5C. Moved by **Williams,** seconded by **Roscoe** to deny the no action request on State Law P.A. 152 but to allow City Council to take action to opt out of State Law P.A.152. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – Abdo, Barden, Talley. **Motion Failed**.

5D. No Action Taken.

19-081 5E. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to not adopt a resolution to modify the pre-65 retiree health care and prescription drug coverage. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Roscoe, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams. **Nays** – Barden, Talley. **Motion Carried**.

5F. No Action Taken, withdrawn by Mayor.

5G. No Action Taken, withdrawn by Mayor.

6A. Clerk's Report

19-082 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve second reading, final adoption of a Zoning Ordinance to amend Article 6, Central Business District, Section 6.02; and Article 7, Business District, Section 7.02 of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance which was introduced at the Council meeting of March 11, 2019, **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

19-083 6A2. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Abdo** to approve first reading of Zoning Ordinance Amendment TA-2018-001; Section 7.05, Vining Road Subarea Overlay District. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

19-084 6A3. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to cancel the study session to discuss the overlay district that is scheduled for Monday, April 1, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. Public Comment

A resident spoke about the gasoline tax.
A retiree suggested that the City reach out to other communities to see how they are handling retiree health costs.
A resident said the problem regarding the high cost of health care needs to be solved.
Two City employees and one court employee spoke about the cost of health care.
A resident spoke about the health care coverage.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

Councilwoman Williams asked the mayor to investigate the accusation that was made regarding the City spending court money.

10. Communication

19-085 11. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 19-06 in the amount of $1,934,512.13. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb. **Nays** – Williams. **Motion Carried**.

12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 25, 2019.

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Together Toward Tomorrow

Canton B.L.O.C.K. teens plan April 27 walk for peaceful future

Teens in Canton Township will take a walk toward a better future April 27.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center will host a special youth-led walk against violence and hate in partnership with Canton Public Safety on Saturday, April 27, in Heritage Park. This free community event, entitled "Together Towards Tomorrow," will take place from 1 - 2:30 p.m. starting at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, which can be found adjacent to the Canton Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

This special walk is intended to be a peaceful demonstration of participants' commitment to a community and a future with peace and tolerance, while bringing awareness to the issues area youth are passionate about, including: bullying, gun violence, mental health, and others.

"The idea to hold Together Towards Tomorrow came from several BLOCK participants ages 11-17, who are passionate about working together to address important issues facing teens today," stated BLOCK Coordinator Laura Mortier. "These students are hoping area youth and their families turn out to support these universal messages of peace and tolerance to see firsthand how making a difference together today can lead to a better tomorrow."

This free event will include a presentation by motivational guest speaker Harry Weaver, a principal consultant at Intentional Diversity Solutions, who believes that intolerance and bullying can be replaced by creating a more inclusive environment with a consistent message of respect. This outdoor event will also feature music and poster-making for the walk around the Heritage Park pond. Participants are encouraged to bring their own signs or use the provided materials to create signs to help spread their own positive messages.

In addition, an onsite event T-Shirt sale will take place with proceeds benefiting the Youth Advisory Council Endowment Fund, which grants money to other youth organizations in the Canton community that make a difference.

Parents are also welcome and encouraged to accompany their children. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Summit on the Park gymnasium, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information about Together Towards Tomorrow Youth Peace Walk, visit www.cantonfun.org or contact the BLOCK Youth & Teen Center by calling (734) 398-5570.

Township will host police academy for youths

The Canton Public Safety Department will sponsor a one-week summer program for teens ages 13 to 17. This year, the Youth Academy will take place from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28. Participants will be provided with lunch and will participate in light physical activity every day, providing an interactive learning experience designed to: teach students about the daily operations of the police and fire departments, including the philosophy of teamwork; promote a greater understanding between the youth in the community and Canton police officers and firefighters and help students develop life skills that promote safe, smart thinking and decision making

Individuals attending this free academy will be educated on the operational procedures of both departments through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Students will gain personal knowledge on the role of law enforcement in the criminal justice system, as well as the firefighter's role of providing emergency services to the community.

Attendees will better understand the training and education required for police officers and firefighters to effectively handle the challenges of their professions. Attendees will also have the opportunity to become CPR certified.

Applicants must be Canton residents, ages 13-17 (as of June 24), with no criminal history. Applications will be accepted during the month of April, online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org. Class size is limited-participants meeting the minimum requirements will be randomly selected. For additional information, contact Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink at (734) 394-5194.

Philharmonic plans cruise

An exotic cruise close to home awaits the winner of the Michigan Philharmonic cruise raffle this year.

For the past decade, Michigan Philharmonic officials have organized an annual raffle for a cruise and airfare for two which has taken winners to Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, the British Isles and Alaska. This year the cruise raffle prize is a 10-day, all -inclusive, Riverboat cruise with a "little taste of the old world" cruising the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway from Detroit to Quebec from Aug. 29 through Sept. 4.

Tickets for the raffle are $50 and only 400 will be sold. Drawing for the winner takes place at the Michigan Philharmonic Patriotic Concert in Kellogg Park on Saturday, June 29, and the winner does not have to be present. For more information or to purchase a raffle ticket, call the Michigan Philharmonic at (734) 451-2112.

Tickets are also still available to join the Michigan Phil Travel Group on this trip. The price has been deeply discounted just for this group on a deluxe small ship - the Victory II - purpose-built for service on the Great Lakes. Cruising the waters of the Detroit River, lakes Erie and Ontario and the St. Lawrence Seaway, there will be ports of call at ports of Cleveland, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Kingston, Montreal and Quebec City.

This area is rich in natural beauty, geologic wonder and replete with Native American, British, French, and early American history, culture and tradition. Included in the cruise itinerary are overnight stays in Montreal and Quebec City – the Capital of French Canada.

This all-inclusive trip on the Victory II, one of the newly-designed and stylish riverboats on the Great Lakes, will carry only 202 guests and a staff of 80. Guests will savor regionally-inspired cuisine, and all wine, beer and spirits are included as well as Wi-fi.

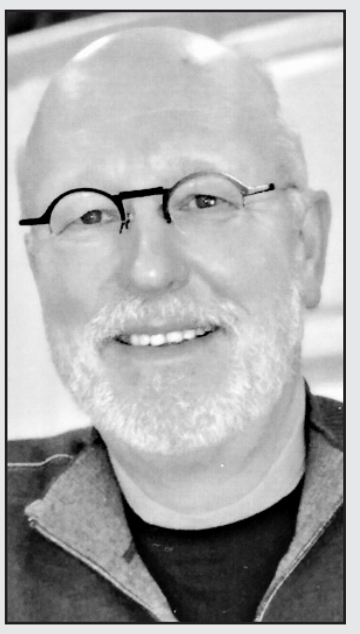
For more information or to reserve space, contact Kate Rosevear and ask for MicPhil Cruise, (734) 455-5810 or 1-800-874-6470 or email kate@travelleaders.com.

David Popke mourned

Nearly 500 mourners filled Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville last Saturday to celebrate the life of David A. Popke, 63, who died April 1.

Mr. Popke was a well-known member of the community and a long-time member of the Plymouth Rotary Club. Active in many civic efforts, he was also a member of the Plymouth Men's Cooking Club.

Mr. Popke was a devoted outdoorsman and loved hunting among his other interests. He was known for his quick smile and gentle humor and his dedication to his family.



David A. Popke

He earned his bachelor of business administration degree in marketing at Western Michigan University and was a long-time employee of Proctor-Gamble prior to opening his own business. He had recently been working as an independent business consultant.

Mr. Popke, a resident of Canton Township, was born Nov. 26, 1955, the son of Nancy and the late Alfred Popke.

Among his survivors are his wife, Lita; a daughter, Kiersten and a son, Donald; his mother, and his parents-in-law, Don and Kay McDonough Masini, of Plymouth.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home in Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Plymouth Rotary Club or the University of Michigan Rowing Team.

SKYWARN

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major storm yet.

"It's well worth it, it really is. From reporting, they get an idea of the track of the storm. This is also a good thing to go through if you're scared of storms," said Stange.

Arnold, the NWS meteorologist, noted Facebook and Twitter now help some storm spotters report in with photos. The phone remains well used, ham radio operators have their own ways to report in, and email is useful for non-urgent follow ups, said Arnold.

Some 350,000 to 400,000 SKYWARN storm spotters work throughout the country, with Arnold noting some limits of Doppler radar in detecting severe storms.

"Computers haven't taken over everybody's job at the National Weather Service," Arnold said of the White Lake office here.

"Spotters are incredibly important to the National Weather Service." Arnold also covered what to report, with a strong focus on severe storms that can hurt people or damage property. He noted opportunities for those interested also to report in on rainfall and snowfall totals periodically.

Arnold also explained key NWS facilities throughout the country, noting, "There's a lot of coordination between the local office and these national centers."

Online weather-related training is offered as well, and local amateur radio clubs welcome new members who wish to join and assist with storm reporting and other emergency preparedness.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 2019 for the following:

CLEANING AND FIREPROOFING SERVICES FOR VILLAGE THEATER CURTAINS

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Northville - Westland

City honors 2nd mayor

One of the founding fathers of Westland was recently honored for his more than half a century of dedication to his city.

Members of the Westland City Council officially renamed the grand ballroom inside Westland City Hall in honor of former Mayor Gene McKinney. Officials also took the opportunity to formally present McKinney with a resolution honoring him for his 50 years of service to the municipality.

McKinney was the second mayor in the history of the City of Westland taking office in 1969 at the age of 33, making him at that time the youngest mayor in the state. He served as mayor until 1975.

McKinney was born on June 21, 1935 in Nankin Township which officially became the City of Westland. He served on the Nankin Township Charter Commission, which aimed to transition the community from a township to a city. He worked alongside eight other individuals to write the Westland City Charter, and together, their work helped lay the framework for the policies still used to manage the city today.

While serving the community, McKinney worked with other community members and government officials to integrate many enhancements into the Westland community, including: Laying the groundwork for a Westland Post Office; establishment of the Historical Commission; creation of the Housing Commission; establishing the Westland Library Board to begin planning for a library; efforts to rename the Wayne School District to include Westland; successful development of the Westland Golf Course; bringing the Michigan Humane Society to Westland; the launch of a police cadet program for young residents interested in public safety and the construction of a new police station and two fire stations.

Throughout his career, McKinney was committed to promoting diversity, inclusivity, and ensuring the satisfaction and well-being of all Westland residents, city officials noted.

McKinney remains active and involved in the community, having served on the city 50th Anniversary Committee and volunteering his time and effort for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of Norwayne.

"Mayor McKinney was a dedicated public servant and remains passionate about making Westland a great place to live," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "We are proud to have his name associated with our grande ballroom and look forward to a dedication ceremony in the near future."

Former Westland Mayor Gene McKinney displays the formal proclamation presented to him in honor of his 50 years of dedication to the community.

Fashion for Freedom dinner fights human trafficking

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Fighting human trafficking is the aim of a "Fashion for Freedom" dinner/dessert event set for 6:30-9 p.m. tomorrow, April 12, at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile in Northville Township.

The event is sponsored by Pearls of Great Price Coalition, a grassroots Christian organization working against human trafficking.

"Pearls of Great Price Coalition is about bringing awareness to human trafficking," said LeAnn Decker, co-chair with Vicki Harkey of "Fashion for Freedom."

"I was looking for a new ministry to get involved in. I found Carrie (Wood's) organization. I had to get involved. There are more slaves today than anytime in history," said Decker, a Plymouth resident.

"It's changing everybody's mindset about it," she added.

As founder of Pearls of Great Price Coalition, Pastor Carrie Wood knows well that more than 90 percent of clothing is made by slave labor and/or slave labor in the supply chain. The "Fashion for Freedom" event has a $35 admission, with proceeds for continuing educational efforts and support of victims and survivors.

The evening focus is "fair trade" clothing, accessories and jewelry, with alternate shopping outlets that say "no" to human trafficking. Registration for "Fashion for Freedom" attendance is available online at fashionfree.eventbrite.com.

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"I think they are surprised" to learn of human trafficking, both labor and sexual, said Decker. "I was surprised when I first learned about it."

Wood, a United Methodist minister, notes slave sweatshops exist in the U.S., plus slave labor at hotels, restaurants, factories,door-to-door sales, nail salons, massage parlors, landscaping, construction, farming, and others. Such slave labor is prevalent in other countries as well.

Wood said, "With every purchase we vote for or against slavery in our world today. Virtually all electronics have the hands of slaves involved somewhere along the supply chain ...Our educational programs make people aware and change the way we all shop."

The April 12 event will have volunteers from Pearls of Great Price Coalition modeling clothes as well as a human trafficking survivor. There will be a number of vendors offering fair trade jewelry, clothing and bags.

"We always want things cheaper and cheaper so it's going to happen. It's just meeting our demand," Decker said. Edee Franklin, founder of Sanctum House, a shelter for women who've been trafficked, will be the April 12 speaker. There will be a silent auction.

Last year, this first-time fashion event drew some 389 attendees, and more are expected this year. Decker noted she looks for the fair trade symbol on products such as grocery items.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline can be reached at 1-888-373-7888.

Pearls of Great Price Coalition is on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/pearlsofgreatpricecoalition/ and the website is: pearlsofgreatprice.net.

Annual maple syrup tours are now available at Maybury Farm

Maybury Farm is hosting maple syrup tours which include watching the sap being harvested from the trees and the sweet treat being made.

Tours begin with a wagon ride out to the Sugar Bush. When there, visitors will head into the woods where they will learn about the maple tree, how to tap it, and then collect the sap. They may even get a chance to taste the sap straight from the tree. The wagon will then take guests back to the Sugar Shack where they will watch and learn how the sap is converted into maple syrup, how syrup is graded, and also how to try making maple syrup at home.

Once the tour is finished, visitors are invited to warm up in the Maybury Farm Welcome Center where hot drinks and snacks are available to enjoy next to the wood stove. Pure Michigan Maple Syrup is available for purchase and there are free recipes for you to try with your maple syrup at home.

This event is popular and space is limited, organizers said, so arrive early to reserve a spot. To schedule a private Farm Tour for groups of 15 or more, call (248) 374-0200.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. The cost for the Maple Syrup Tours is $8 per person and children 2 and under are admitted at no cost with a paid adult. Tours are 1, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15 and 4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

Visit www.mayburyfarm.org to learn more, or contact Diana Wallace, interim farm director, at (248) 916-3033 or diana@mayburyfarm.org.

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www.mayburyfarm.org or www.facebook.com/mayburyfarm.

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1. Obituaries

Jeffery G. Straight

Jeffrey G. Straight, 60, died April 6.

Mr. Straight, a longtime Belleville resident, died peacefully at Beaumont Hospital--Wayne Campus.

Mr. Straight was the owner of Expert Auto Repair of Romulus. He enjoyed bowling, playing golf, fishing and trips to the casino and most importantly, spending time with his family.

Among his survivors are his wife of 38 years, Kathy; his children: Brian Straight of Belleville, Dawn Straight of Belleville, Ashley (Danny) Delatorre of Canton and Kayla Straight of Belleville; grandchildren Jacob, Madison, Justin, Andrew and Patrick, and his sister, Sue Shepard of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Joan Straight and his brothers, Mark Straight, Gregg Straight and Todd Straight.

Funeral services took place April 10 in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville (734)-697-4500. Memorial tributes may be directed to Van Buren/Belleville area CAF-5.

30. Help Wanted

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INKSTER - WAYNE

Inkster and Wayne receive state grant funding

The cities of Inkster and Wayne were among those awarded state grants through the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships Grant Program (FDCVT).

The grant recipients were announced last week by Michigan State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks, who noted that a total of $2.7 million was being awarded to 11 municipalities in the state. Municipalities can participate in the FDCVT Grant Program if they are experiencing one or more conditions indicative of "probable financial stress" as defined in Public Act 436 of 2012, the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, according to state officials. The grants fund specific projects, services or strategies ? including infrastructure and public safety enhancements ? that move a city, village or township toward financial stability.

"I am pleased to announce this year's awards," Eubanks said last week. "These grant dollars help fund public safety and infrastructure projects in communities that are encountering financial hardship."

For fiscal year 2019, $2.5 million was appropriated for the program with a $200,000 carryover from the previous fiscal year. The FDCVT Grant Program has a $2 million cap per community and grants are awarded based on applications submitted by the municipality.

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In Inkster, grants of $502,975 were awarded for public safety enhancements in the city. A grant of $142,975 was awarded for public safety enhancement through improved street lighting; another $100,000 for partial fleet replacement of police vehicles and a third award of $260,000 for the replacement of an ambulance in the city.

In Wayne, the state awarded $100,000 for the infrastructure repair of the police department as part of public safety enhancement for the community.

The deadline for submission of the grant applications was Nov. 21. According to the state website, priority was given to communities with two or more conditions that indicate probable financial distress or where a financial emergency has been declared in the past 10 years. Priority was also given to any community that has an approved Deficit Elimination Plan for the General Fund and where the city General Fund has been declining during the past five years and the fund balance is less than 3 percent of general fund revenues.

Wayne sets annual city volunteer clean-up day April 27

More than 200 volunteers are expected to fill the streets of Wayne April 27 armed with brooms and dustpans.

Wayne Main Street, in conjunction with several community partners, will host the 4th Annual Spring Clean-Up Day in downtown Wayne from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, April 27 and community members of all ages are expected to join in the effort to make downtown Wayne even better.

Last year, the event was an overwhelming success, organizers said, with more than 200 volunteers participating. Volunteers can sign up to participate by visiting downtownwayne.org and clicking on the registration link or registering on the day of the event at the 29th District Court parking lot located at 34808 Sims St. All pre-registered volunteers will receive a complimentary event t-shirt. Snacks will also be served at registration. Volunteers are encouraged to wear older clothing and bring gloves.

This event will take place on Arbor Day weekend and will help promote a cleaner downtown Wayne noted Carol Bevard, chair of the Wayne Main Street Clean-Up Committee.

"Cleaning up Wayne is essential in terms of enhancing our city's amazing downtown. It is also important that we work together to create a better downtown Wayne," she said. The event is being organized by a number of community-based groups including Healthy Wayne, Friends of the Rouge, the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Department of Public Works, The Wayne Historical Society, Wayne Main Street, and the Wayne Rotary Club.

Wayne Main Street was launched in 2011 by a group of caring individuals and has evolved into one of the largest civic organizations in the city. Last year, Wayne Main Street volunteers contributed more than 2,700 service hours to the community. In 2014 the organization was recognized by the Michigan Main Street Association as a Master-Level Main Street community.

For more information, visit downtownwayne.org.

Down Derby event is planned

The Inkster Task Force is planning Down & Derby at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center on Saturday, May 4.

This event is a fundraiser for the Inkster Task Force, a 501 c 3 organization. The $40 admission fee will include entry to the event, dinner, a signature drink, a souvenir and more.

Attendees are urged to "dress to impress" by organizers who stressed that those planning to attend should be 21 or older.

The event is planned for 4-11:30 p.m. and the recreation center is located at 2015 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

There is a no refund policy on the admission tickets.

To purchase tickets access the Inkster city website or call (734) 589-0025.

The New Inkster Task Force aims to "improve the quality of life for the community" and works to revitalize the city.

Silent service

As Americans go about their daily lives, members of the U.S. Navy "Silent Service" work beneath ocean waves, continuing a tradition that only a small fraction of military members will ever know: strategic deterrence. Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Callahan assigned to USS West Virginia hails from Michigan, and is a 2013 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He takes on the task to execute strategic deterrence, one of the most important missions of the Defense Department. Callahan is a sonar technician (submarine) stationed at the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, homeport to the Ohio-class ballistic-missile and guided-missile submarines.

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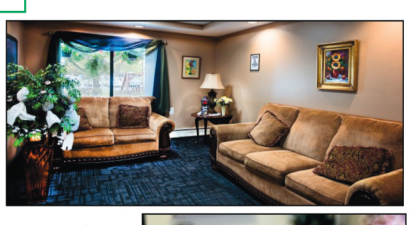

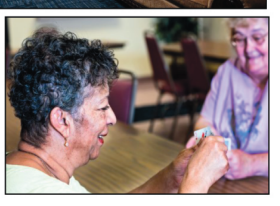
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Calendar of events

Library hosts book, rummage sale

The Friends of the Romulus Public Library members have organized a Used Book and Rummage Sale starting today, April 11 through Saturday, April 13 at the library, 11121 Wayne Road, 1/4 mile south of I-94, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. today, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Sale items include thousands of fiction and non-fiction books for adults, teenagers, and children, in both hardcover and paperback. Large-print books and audio-books are available. Hundreds of movies and music on DVDs, CDs, and VHS will be offered for sale.

There will also be gently-used household items, and home-baked cookies for sale, too.

All proceeds benefit community library programs sponsored by the Friends of the Romulus Public Library. The Romulus Public Library serves the communities of Romulus and Huron Township. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Eggstravaganza is Saturday

The Parks Partnership Committee presents the Northville Eggstravaganza April 13 at Maybury Farm.

This is the third year for the annual egg hunt for children 2-10 years of age at the farm. Gates will open at 9:30 a.m. and the egg hunts will begin at 11, 11:30 a.m. and noon.

The Eggstravaganza will feature egg hunts in three age groups: 2 to 3-year-olds, 4 to 6-year-olds, and 7 to 10-year-olds. In addition to the egg hunt, children can visit the Maybury Farm animals, listen to a story, plant seeds with the Friends of Maybury State Park, play on the playground, and have their face painted. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available and there will be appearances by Smokey the Bear, the Tooth Fairy and other characters.

Admission to the Northville Eggstravaganza is $5 per car (cash only) and the egg hunts are limited to the first 700 children.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. Limited free parking will be available at Maybury Farm with additional parking at Maybury State Park (Recreation Passport required). To learn more, visit www.mayburyfarm.org or call (248)374-0200.

Sumpter Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation officials have organized a Children's Easter Egg Hunt beginning at noon Saturday, April 13 at Graham Park.

The egg hunts will be divided into age groups.

The event is free and an appearance by the Easter Bunny is planned.

The park is located at 24500 Sumpter Road at the corner of Sumpter and Wear roads.

The rain date is noon, Sunday, April 14, if necessary due to inclement weather.

Museum hosts Ghost Hunt

The Wayne Historical Museum will host a ghost hunt from 8 .m. until midnight Saturday, April 13.

Ghost hunters from the Great Lakes Ghost Hunters will be on hand to oversee the search for spirits in the historic museum building.

Tickets are $20 for a one-hour spot.

For more information, or tickets visit www.facebook.com/waynehistoricalsociety

The museum is located at 1 Town Square at the corner of Main and Biddle in Wayne.

Church hosts Spring Bazaar

St. John's Episcopal Church will host a Spring Bazaar, craft and vendor show and bake sale from noon until 5 p.m. Saturday, April 13.

Lunch will be available.

The church is located at 555 S. Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

For more information, call (734) 721-5023 between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Stamp club hosts show

The West Suburban Stamp Club will host the 50th Plymouth Show stamp exhibition, the largest annual event in Michigan for postage stamp and postal history collectors, Saturday, April 13, and Sunday, April 14, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland.

A special meeting of the club members will take place Friday, April 12 (the day before the show), at 7 p.m. in the banquet room at the same venue as the show. The meeting will include a talk by Jay Bigalke, Linn's Stamp News and Scott catalogs editor-in-chief; a five-frame display of fancy cancellations by Wade Saadi; a 1918 Inverted Jenny error stamp on display; and door prizes and an auction.

The Plymouth Show is free and open to the public. New collectors, non-collectors and experienced philatelists are welcome. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. Free parking is available.

Golden Age Reception planned

The Michigan Metro Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. is sponsoring the annual Golden Age reception from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at the Booker Dozier Recreation Center.

The event is free and includes ballroom dancing demonstration and lesson along with Divine Stand Dancers of Inkster.

Entertainment includes dancing, Karaoke, a 50/50 raffle and vendors offering senior services, food and more.

The recreation center is located at 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

Genealogy Society to meet

Rozlyn Kelly will speak on conducting research starting with oral history and examples of documentation found to support, explain or further those stories at the meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society which will begin at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, April 14.

The meeting is free and open to the public at the Northville District Library located at 212 West Cady St. in Northville. The roundtable discussion, "Useful Websites You Haven't Thought Of", starts at 1:15 p.m. A short business meeting is planned for 2:30 p.m., followed by "Researching Starting with Oral History."

Kelly is an attorney with 20 years of genealogical research experience. She is currently president of the Farmington Genealogical Society and serves on the executive board of the Michigan Genealogical Council as recording secretary.

For more information, call (734) 812-2449.

Showcase and Taste of Plymouth set

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth from 5-7:30 p.m. April 15 p.m. at The Inn at St. Johns.

Visitors can sample food from 20 local restaurants, visit 75 business exhibitors, win prizes from the exhibitors and be there to honor local community service award winners.

In addition to online sales, tickets can be purchased at the door the night of the event or in advance at the Chamber of Commerce office, 850 West Ann Arbor Trail.

Tickets purchased online can be picked up at the chamber office or at registration during the event.

For additional information on this event, contact The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

Library hosts speaker

The Wayne Public Library will host author Alan Naldrett from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 16.

Naldrett will speak about the many automakers who tried their luck in the Motor City and failed. Many of those lost to history have colorful stories worth telling like J.J. Cole who forgot to put brakes in his new auto, so on the first test run, he had to drive it in circles until it ran out of gas.

The library is located at 3737 S. Wayne Road in Wayne.

Coffee With A Cop served

The Inkster Police Department will host Coffee With A Cop at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 17 at Applewood Coney Island, 28640 Michigan Ave. in Inkster.

No agenda or speeches, just a chance for residents to enjoy a cup of coffee, ask questions, voice concerns and get to know neighborhood officers.

Marshmallows to drop

HYPE recreation in Wayne will host a Marshmallow Drop at Attwood Park on Anderson Ballfield beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, April 19.

There will be several drops for various age groups and each will continue for about 5 minutes, according to organizers.

Grief support group meets

The Families Against Narcotic (FAN) Grief Support Group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. on April 23 at the PC Alano Club, 8669 North Lilley Road, Canton. The group meets regularly the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

For more information, contact Heather Dejesus at (734)612-5301 or nwwayne@familiesagainstnarcotics.org.

Peer support group meeting set

The Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Family & Friends Peer Support Group will meet from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Canton Municipal Complex Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

The group meets regularly the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

The meetings are open to the public.

For more information visit nwwayne@familiesagainstnarcotics.org or call (248) 767-9412.

Community Sing scheduled

The Belleville Area District Library will host a Community Sing at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, hosted by WDET personality Matt Watroba.

All skill levels are welcome. This is not performance, just singing, organizers said.

The library is located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

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